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Espionage case brings uproar in Parliament

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Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was under intense pressure Sunday to make an urgent statement on state security in the face of investigations concerning a major espionage case.

Members of Parliament demanded information on reports of a serious breach of security at the nerve-center of Britain's intelligence network, the government communications headquarters at Cheltenham in the west of England. On Thursday, taxi driver Geoffrey Prime was charged with unspecified acts of espionage over 13 years. Press reports said he worked at the Cheltenham center from 1968 to 1978.